

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, all multiple dependency has been eliminated from the original claims and new dependent claims 6-8 have been added so that the scope of the original multiple dependent claims has been preserved. It is to be understood that the revisions to the claims are solely for formalistic purposes and not with regard to patentability.

Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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3. (Amended) A method claimed in claim [1 or] 2, wherein an aqueous solution of paramagnetic inorganic salt is used as the suspending liquid.

4. (Amended) A method claimed in claim [1 or] 2, wherein the separation is continuously carried out by circulating the suspending liquid.